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SUBJECT: PIAZZA RESIGNS: GENERAL SAENZ IS NEW FINANCE MINISTER

- 1. WALTER PIAZZA RESIGNED JULY 6 AS PERU'S FINANCE MINISTER CITING "INABILITY TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE MAJORITY OF CABINET MEMBERS" ON THE ECONOMIC PROGRAM AS THE REASON FOR HIS RESIGNATION.
- 2. PIAZZA'S SUCESSOR IS ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL ALCIBIADES SAENZ BARSALLO, WHO HAD BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PERUVIAN TELEPHONE COMPANY SINCE MARCH. SAENZ WAS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE BUDGET (IN THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE) IN 1972-73) (DURING PERIOD WHEN MORALES BERMUDEZ WAS FINANCE MINISTER), AND PRIOR TO THAT HE WAS MILITARY ADVISOR TO THE FINANCE MINISTER. IN HIS MILITARY CAREER HE HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE ARMY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND AS COMMANDING ENERAL OF THE 9TH ARMORED DIVISON. SAENZ WILL BE SWORN IN AT 5PM JULY 7.
- 3. FURTHER BIO INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW. SHLAUDEMAN

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